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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 10615]**

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Iraqi Citizens and Nationals  
Employed by US Federal Contractors and Grantees**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER].**

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- E-mail: [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Fax: 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Lea Rivera, PRM/Admissions, 2025 E Street, NW, SA-9, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20522-0908, who may be reached on 202.453.9255 or at [rivalp@state.gov](mailto:rivalp@state.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- Title of Information Collection: Iraqi Citizens and Nationals Employed by Federal Contractors and Grantees
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0184
- Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection
- Originating Office: PRM/A
- Form Number: DS-7655
- Respondents: Refugee applicants for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 50
- Estimated Number of Responses: 200
- Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes
- Total Estimated Burden Time: 100 hours
- Frequency: On occasion
- Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### **Abstract of Proposed Collection**

The information requested will be used to verify the employment of Iraqi citizens and nationals for the processing and adjudication of other refugee, asylum, special immigrant visa, and other immigration claims and applications.

#### **Methodology**

The method for the collection of information will be via electronic submission. The format for compiling the information will be the Department of State's myData application. Contracting officers and Grants officers will distribute the DS-7655 by email to contractors, grantees and cooperative agreement partners under their authority. Respondents complete the form, and email it to their Contracting Officers or Grant Officers.

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